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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MURPHY ET AL.

Examiner

Alvin A. Hunter

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8,10-15,17-28,30-39 and 41-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8,10-15,17-28,30-39 and 41-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 1/05/06 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US Patents 6491592 and 6648773 have been reviewed and are accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Priority

Based on the claims as now amended, it should be noted that claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 12, 15, 17, 25, 27, 28, 30, and 38 do not carry support for application 09/431982, now US Patent 6354962, and claims 1, 17, and 30 do not carry support for application 09/431982 and 09/906889, which are now US patents 6354962 and 6491592. Maraging steel is not supported in either of these applications and having a pre-preg material for an aft body and a volume greater than 400cc is not supported by application 09/431982.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8, 10-15, 17-28, 30-39, and 41-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beach (USPN 6623378) in view of Ezawa et al. (USPN 6334817)

Beach et al. discloses a club head having a face component having a striking portion and return portion made of titanium metal and an aft body comprising a crown portion, ribbon portion, and a sole portion made of a plurality of pre-preg material (See Summary of the invention and Column 3, lines 34 through 54). One having ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to have the aft body made of a plurality of pre-preg plies, as taught by Beach et al., in order to allow for increased volume while retaining strength. It is presumed that the volume of the club head is greater than 400cc being that Beach et al. set forth in the Background of the invention that this is a known fact. Beach et al. does not disclose the weight of the components or club head. Ezawa et al. discloses a club head having weight of 180 to 205g (See Column 2, lines 32). Ezawa et al. notes that the weight and volume of the club head is essential in order to attain a inertia of greater than $3000 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^2$ (See Column 2, lines 33 through 37). One having ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to have the components of any weight so long that the club had may be enlarged such that the sweet spot is enlarged. The coefficient of restitution would be a natural result of the combination of the materials being used to construct the club head, wherein above combination teaches a club head having a face component made of metal, an aft body made of a composite material, and a weight member. It should also be noted that Beach et al. shows the return portion comprises upper, lower, heel and toe sections.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8, 10-15, 17-28, 30-39, and 41-45 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alvin A. Hunter whose telephone number is (571) 272-4411. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30AM to 4:00PM Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Kim, can be reached on 571-272-4463. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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